

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed 7/27/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-6 and 8-15.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with A. Handal on August 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13, line 17, after "... (I) an extendable measuring..." delete "positioned" and insert - - member position - -.

In the abstract, lines 15-19, delete "... Further, the educational method uses timing connected with encouraging cheer and applause to build pressure similar to a real game situation. Finally, the educational method uses a reward system for better concentration and building of confidence by promoting players on to the next successive level until the ultimate victory."

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The specific limitations of (with respect to claim 10) "...an extendable measuring member, and

(I) an extendable measuring member position detector, said extendable measuring member position detector coupled to said electronic logic circuitry, and said electronic logic circuitry generating motivational recordings in response to the output of said extendable measuring member position detector” and (with respect to claim 13) “...an extendable measuring member, and

(I) an extendable measuring member position detector coupled to said electronic circuitry, and said electronic circuitry generating motivational recordings in response to the output of said extendable measuring member position detector, and wherein said motivational recordings are sequenced and selected in order to build the level of pressure to succeed” are not anticipated or made obvious over the prior art of record in the examiners opinion. For example, Wood discloses an educational basketball game which teaches a support base (24), a pole having an upper and lower end with the lower end mounted in the support base and extending upwardly from the base (pole 22) and supporting a backboard (20) on its upper end, a hoop (12) mounted on the backboard and oriented to receive a ball (28), a first score indicating device comprising numerical indicating devices (display 40, and associated LEDs), a second score indicating device comprising a plurality of achievement level indicating devices having generally known quality attributes (lights 44), a goal detecting device (switch 16), electronic logic circuitry responsive to the goal detecting device (figure 2). The pole being variable in height is shown in figure 4B. Numerical indicating devices being alphanumeric displays are shown as the LEDs of display 40 and described throughout the specification in reference to the ABC and 123 mode of operation. Motivational

recording varying in response to players successes are described in paragraph 0023 and throughout the specification. However, prior art of record fails to teach or disclose an extendable measuring member with an extendable measuring member position detector coupled to electronic logic circuitry for generation motivational recordings in response to the output of the extendable measuring position detector.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dmitry Suhol whose telephone number is 571-272-4430. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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